GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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FM CHANNEL BANGALORE
KOLUR BASAVANAGOUD

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) when the AIR, Bangalore`s new FM Metro Channel started;

(b) the places proposed to be covered under FM transmission in Karnataka;

(c) whether the people have to buy a new set due to the proposed shifting of broadcast of all programmes of All India Radio Vividh Bharti to FM stereo mode; and

(d) if so, whether the Government would take steps to make the availability of the programmes both in medium wave and FM stereo?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a): The FM stereo channel at Bangalore is expected to be commissioned shortly. No definite date has been fixed as yet.

(b): FM Transmitters are being set up at Mysore, Mangalore and Dharwad.

(c): The present receivers will continue, in the present mode, to receive the Medium Wave/Short Wave broadcasts. FM receivers will be required to receive the programmes broadcast on FM Transmitters in stereo mode.

(d): It is not feasible to broadcast stereo programme on medium wave.